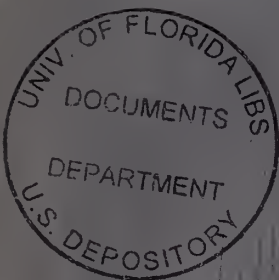
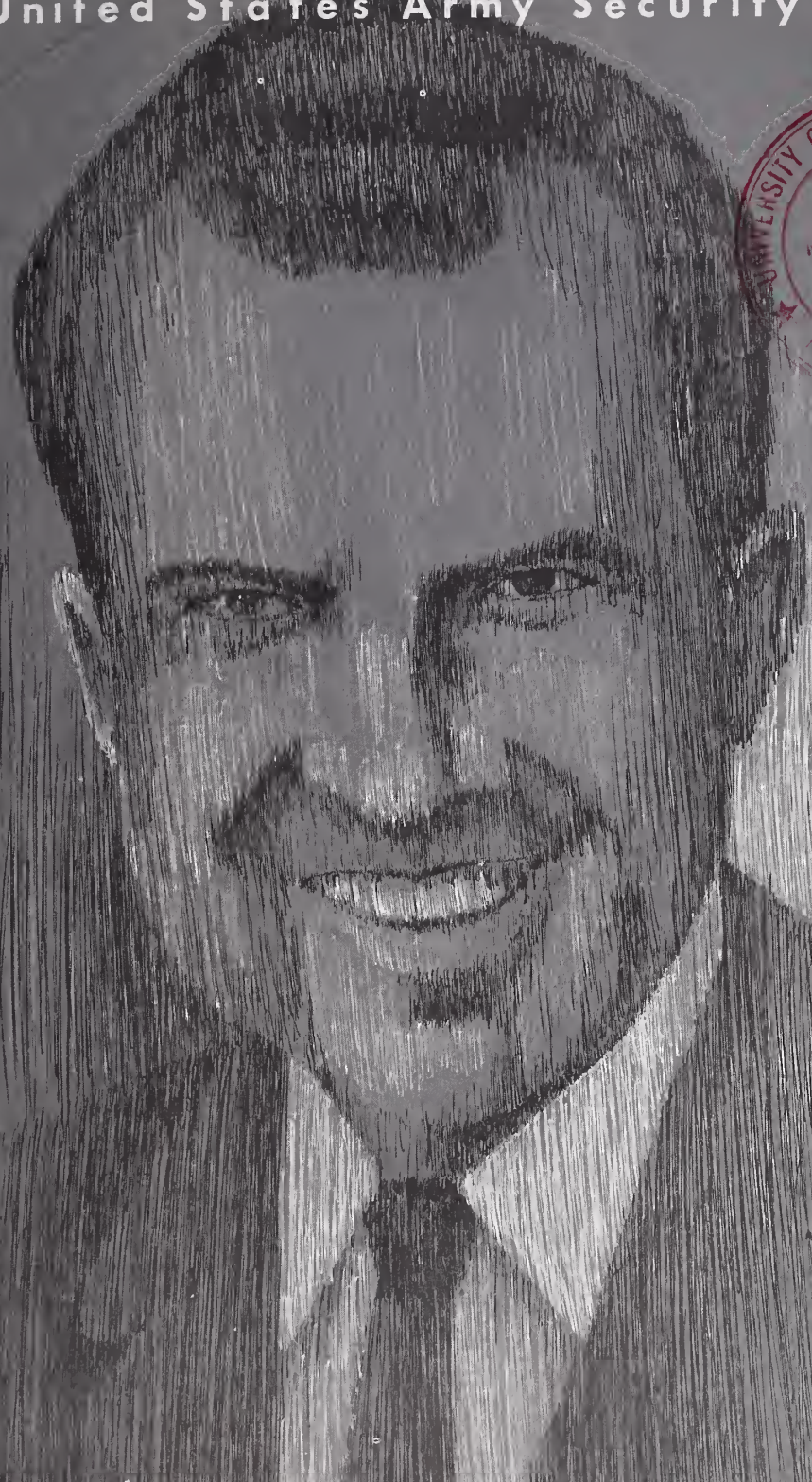


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The New Commander-In-Chief

Richard Nixon Sworn In As 37th President



"I, Richard Milhous Nixon, do solemnly swear that I will . . . preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Repeating these words in the presence of God and his countrymen, Richard M. Nixon became the 37th President of the United States on January 20, 1969, at the Capitol.

In his Inaugural Address, Mr. Nixon said: "To that oath I add this sacred commitment: I shall consecrate my office, my energies and all the wisdom I can summon, to the peace among nations."

The new Commander in Chief was born at Yorba Linda, Calif., on January 9, 1913. A graduate of Whittier (Calif.) College in 1934 and Duke University law school, Durham, N.C., in 1937, Mr. Nixon practiced law in Whittier for five years.

He served as an attorney in the Office of Emergency Management in Washington, D.C., from January to August 1942, when he was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy.

Following his release from active duty in 1946 as lieutenant commander, Mr. Nixon served two terms as a Republican representative from California and one term as senator from that state.

In 1952, he was elected vice president of the United States and was reelected four years later. During eight years as vice president, Mr. Nixon visited 56 countries and five continents as personal emissary of President Eisenhower.

On three separate occasions, while President Eisenhower was stricken with major illnesses, Mr. Nixon was called upon to administer the country's affairs until the President's recovery.

After 1960, Mr. Nixon returned to a law practice and other activities which took him abroad for five separate trips, and a globe-circling tour of Western Europe and the Near and Far East in 1966.

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Is There

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House?

At one time or another many people have had the urge to write, to share their experiences with others.

Yet that urge is often short lived, usually from fear that no one will publish the story. Today this fear is overexaggerated.

Modern high-speed printing processes have encouraged the growth of hundreds of magazines, catering to a wide variety of tastes. These magazines need good stories and articles, and they may want yours.

Individuals in the service, specifically people in USASA, willing to share their military experiences with others might find it materially rewarding. (They might even receive a byline in a popular magazine.)

There is a fast-growing market in commercial magazines for stories about the Army and the men in it—their experiences, their successes and failures.

These magazines know that good Army stories and story ideas will attract readers and, consequently, sell magazines.

Department of the Army's Chief of Information (CINFO) will help the Agency man get his story in print

by trying to sell the article or story idea to popular magazines that may be interested.

If a person in USASA has the germ of a story idea or a completely written article, CINFO will try to get it published. The idea or article should be submitted through the local Army Suggestion Program as a suggestion. It will then be forwarded through appropriate channels to CINFO.

Pictorial essays that is, photographs with accompanying stories, are also wanted. Many Army-originated pictorial essays have appeared in popular photographic magazines.

In the past there has been a certain reservation within the Army community to let the public know what goes on in Army life.

In the daily operation of duties and jobs it is easy to overlook the interesting sometimes even exciting events happening around us, things others would find interesting.

Story manuscripts can be submitted in any form; however, clarity and appeal are enhanced by neatly typed submissions. Photographs should accompany pictorial essays.

If the story is not a complete one, but, instead, a story idea, basic information such as story theme or idea, locale, and suggested title should be included.



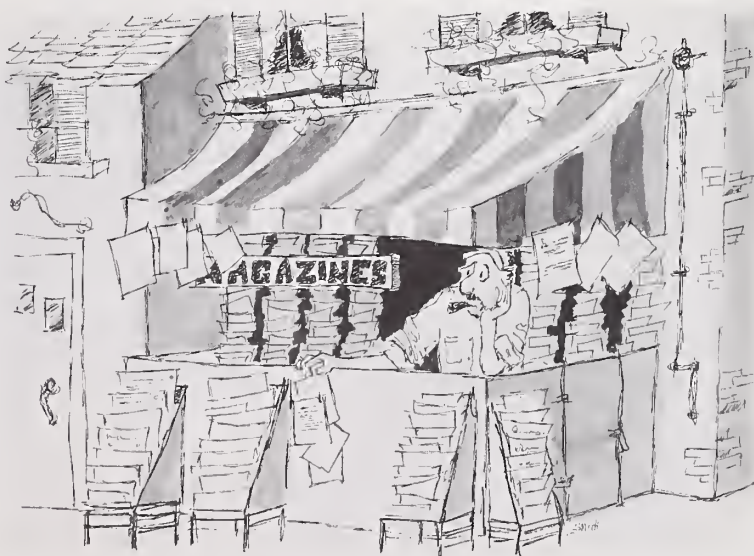
After the story or story idea has been submitted and a magazine buyer is found, the person submitting the story will receive a cash award through the Suggestion Program.

Additionally, the submitter could receive a commission from the magazine and a story byline, depending upon such factors as magazine policy and story completeness.

Though often joked about, the Army does have a human disposition that should be brought to the attention of the general public. One main purpose of CINFO's publication service is to help bring this "human side" to the fore.

If the story or story idea is good enough and of sufficient general interest, it could mean a cash award from the Army Suggestion Program, a commission from the magazine, and a byline.

By presenting genuinely interesting Army stories to the public, you help yourself, of course, and you help your Army.





pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



Shemya's only female, Sal, and LTC B. E. Slesinger.

ALASKA

At 4:10 a.m. January 1, 1969, Mrs. Doreen Makynen, wife of SP5 Howard J. Makynen, gave birth to Dawn Marie, the first baby born in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1969. Not only was Dawn Marie the first baby of the year, but she arrived with only a 15-minute warning. SP5 Makynen, a neighbor and two medical corpsmen assisted in the delivery. The baby received hundreds of dollars worth of prizes as 1969's first baby.

Shemya Sal II is not only the most beautiful and charming "woman" on the isolated island of Shemya, but she is the only one. The problem is, she is a real dummy!

Shemya Sal II was donated recently by Sears, Roebuck & Company of

At 4:10 a.m. January 1, 1969, Dawn Marie Makynen became the first baby in 1969 in Fairbanks, Alaska. With Dawn Marie are her mother, Doreen, and father, SP5 Howard J. Makynen, Det USARAL.



Anchorage to replace the original Sal who "disappeared" in 1967. She was delivered "first class" by Reeve Aleutian Airways.

Miss Diana Hopperstad, who starred in a Utah Variety USO Show which visited the island recently, donated Sal's apparel. Lack of a fashion editor limits our ability to describe the clothing, but the term "mini-pajamas" seems to cover the vital points! Sal is now a permanent resident of "Ft. Shemya's" Smokehouse.

GERMANY

The first baby of 1969 at FS Bad Aibling was born at 6:50 p.m., New Year's Day to SP5 and Mrs. Harry Harris. The child was the first born at the 225th Station Hospital, Munich, which serves most of South Bavaria.

Field Station Bad Aibling recently received letters of commendation from GEN Lemnitzer, Commander in Chief EUCOM; GEN Polk, Commander in Chief, USAREUR and MG Denholm for its outstanding performance during the Czech confrontation.

BG Collins, Chief USASAE, in forwarding the letters said, "I am well aware of the many hours devoted by our units during the recent crisis. Our steadily improving position enabled us to meet contingencies with maximum effectiveness. It is always a source of pride to receive this type of information pertaining to the units of my command. I appreciate the extraordinary effort put forth to insure completion of a most vital task."

SP4 Darrel Ramey, FS Rothwesten, was named an honor graduate in the latest graduating class at the NCO Academy. Another recent Academy graduate, SSG Marvin L. Cunningham received the GEN Bruce C. Clark Award for being best during the Commandant inspection.



... so did SSG John A. McQuoid of FS Rothwesten. (Photo by Edward G. Finn)

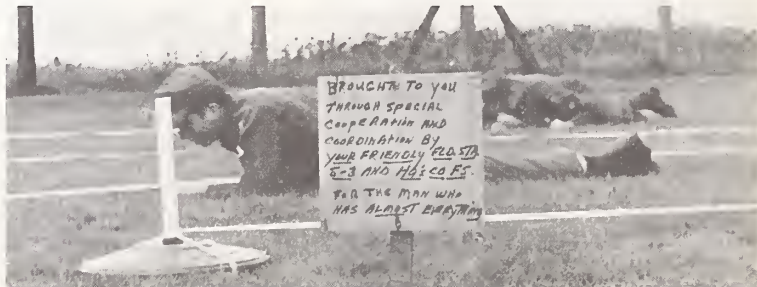
Superstitious? Not SSG John A. McQuoid of FS Rothwesten. He climbed out of bed on a Friday the 13th expecting to be \$10,000 richer by dinner time . . . and he was! Sometime between dawn and dinner, McQuoid stopped by the office of his CO, LTC Kenneth G. Paris, to take part in a discharge and reenlistment ceremony—his own. Playing a big part in his decision was a whopping \$10,000 VRB. In addition to the money, McQuoid also received his choice of station, a reassignment to Ft Meade.

ILLINOIS

It pays to read the HALLMARK! Just ask SSG James V. Marion, Fifth Army Det., who is now wearing two WW II Merchant Marine medals he had in a scrapbook for 23 years. He read in the September *Pass in Review* about LTC Jacobus adding five Merchant Marine ribbons as a result of a recent AR change.

For the first time in its nearly 20 year history, Fifth Army Det had a reenlistment—SP5 Walter Doucet who re-upped for six on December 31.

the latest PT test at Herzo. . . .





To kick off a Benefit Association Fund Drive at PAC HQ, the NCOs from S3 sponsored a car wash which raised \$50. SSG Gerald A. Large had this idea which was "all wet" in a good way!

MASSACHUSETTS

TC&S' 1968 Soldier of the Year is SFC Duane L. Haneckow, 28, who topped over 1300 other permanent party men to win this honor. SFC Haneckow is an Instructor-Operator in the Air Division, Dept. 5. Another member of this division, CW4 Richard L. Piety was recently promoted to his present rank.

PFC Chester P. Lustgarten, TC&S, claims the most unusual MOS in the Agency—71B3L32. Bet you don't know what it means.

Lustgarten spent a year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where he became fluent in Hebrew. Scoring high on Army language tests, Lustgarten petitioned for—and received—the MOS which indicates a clerk-typist with proficiency in *Modern Hebrew*! Anyone else with a unique MOS?

Mr. Thomas A. Shealy, technical consultant to the commandant, TC&S, recently received his eighth Outstanding Performance Rating Award in his 20 years as a civilian employee of the Agency. Mr. Shealy, who has also received the Meritorious Civil Service Award, is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and a director of the Minute-man Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army.

OKINAWA

Recent civic projects by Torii Station (Sobe) include constructing new playgrounds and hauling top soil for three nearby schools, providing transportation for local school athletes, installing an antenna pole to be used as a wind measuring device at a primary school, and donating lumber to be used in repairing homes damaged by Typhoon Della.

TEXAS

Four men assigned to Goodfellow Det have recently won honors. Top honor student SP4 David L. Swickard, who had a 94.8 average, was selected as Tri-Service Student of the Month by the Radio Telephone Training Det. Previously Swickard was Det SOM two months in a row. The three top graduates in a recent inter-service Instructor Training class were, respectively, SP6s Wesley A. Brockaway, Larry E. Miller and Kenneth J. Merkle. Half of all Agency men who have attended the school have graduated in the top of their class.

VIETNAM

"It's nice to know somebody when you get to Vietnam, but we've got the whole town over here." By "knowing somebody" SP4 Larry Gray, 175th RR Co, Bien Hoa, means his brother Jerry, plus 17 cousins. With a few exceptions, the cousins are stationed in the Bien Hoa-Saigon area. One is in Da Nang and a few are in the Mekong Delta area. Eighteen of the 19 have Gray for a last name. The two brothers, from Tennessee, and three of their cousins belong to the 175th. To top everything off, scattered throughout Vietnam, are 15 of Larry's high school classmates.

The above was published by Army News Features as a Vietnam Vignette.

VIRGINIA

Arlington Hall Station has two new members of the "Gallon Blood Donor Club," Clarence R. Fernald and Michael E. McIntire. Both have passed the two gallon mark. Do you have any gallon donors in your unit?

Combat-hardened Arlington Hall troops get shot! Alas, most of them got the flu anyway (another type). (Photo by SP4 Michael F. Walston)



SP4 Ralph D. Kennedy (center), RR Comm Unit, Vietnam, recently wrote the editor of the Snyder, Texas Daily News. Result: 18 boxes of books from the citizens of Snyder for the 509th RRG library at Davis Station. RRCUV CO CPT James P. Clemett (left) said, "... it is typical of our American heritage that individuals join together to help others in times of need." 1SG Russell L. Allen is at right.

Vint Hill Farms has two newly promoted majors: Anthony H. Newton and Michael J. Remick.

SP4 Gerald A. Taylor recently won an all expense paid four-day trip for two to Miami in a "Go to Miami Beach" contest. All Taylor did was answer an ad he received. As soon as the word got out, Taylor acquired many new friends!

Seven men at Vint Hill have received GED high school equivalency certificates. They are: MSG Andre Primeau; SP5s Lyle Freeman, Craig Klopp, Timothy Brown, Leslie Pagenkopf, Robert Van Voorhis; and SP4 Raymond Clanderman.





ODCSPER

□ **Six States Now Offer Vietnam Bonuses**—Pennsylvania is the latest state to enact a Vietnam bonus law. The others include Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, and Massachusetts.

Personnel eligible for the Pennsylvania bonus may collect as much as \$25 per month for each month of service in Vietnam up to a maximum of \$750. Claim forms are expected to become available in June. For more information write: The Adjutant General, Commonwealth of **Pennsylvania**, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

For information from the other states offering bonuses, write: State of **Connecticut**, Office of the Treasurer, Vietnam Bonus Division, 15 Lewis St., Hartford, Conn. 06115. Department of Veterans' Affairs, State of **Delaware**, Dover, Del. 19901.

Illinois Veteran's Commission, 221 West Jefferson St., Springfield, Ill. 62704. **Louisiana** Department of Veterans' Affairs, Vietnam Bonus Division, 150 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, La. 70801.

Commonwealth of **Massachusetts**, State Treasurer, Bonus Division, Room 227, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133.

□ **Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowships Offered**—Negro Agency college graduates who are contemplating a career in public service when they leave the Army may be eligible for a Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship for graduate study. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellows enter into partnership with the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and are provided with tuition-free study for two years and a living stipend added to their veterans benefits.

To be eligible an applicant must possess a bachelors degree and must be seriously considering a career in public service. (Applicants for the 1969-1970 Fellowships must have completed their undergraduate education before September 1969.)

The graduate study fellowships are tenable for two years and cover all tuition and fees for that period. Fellows will also receive \$270 a month in addition to their G.I. Bill education allowance to provide a total minimum living stipend of \$400, tax free.

In addition, Martin Luther King Jr. Fellows who have completed their studies will be assisted in finding employment.

The Fellowships may be held at a cooperating university of the candidates choice. Candidates with any undergraduate major are eligible to apply, provided their proposed course of study will lead to a career of public service in such fields as education, medicine, business and political organization, community leadership, library science, journalism, law, theology, and social work.

For further information on the Fellowships write: Mr. Raymond Richardson, Director, Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Program, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Box 642, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

□ **New Agency Command MOS**—The newest Agency command MOS is Army Cryptologic and Electronic Warfare Unit Commander (MOS 1691). The new MOS will better identify and make more specific an officer's command duty.

Where applicable, MOS 1691 will replace Electronics Countermeasures Officer (MOS 9610), Communications and Electronics Intelligence Officer (MOS 9620), Communications and Electronics Security Officer (MOS 9630), and EW Cryptologic Officer (MOS 9640).

Implementation of this MOS began in January. Officers who feel they may be eligible for the MOS should look into Circular 611-42 for more information and then check with their local personnel office. MOS 1691 is restricted by DA Message 891224 (19 Dec 68) to a duty or secondary MOS; it cannot be assigned as a primary MOS.

□ **Guidelines Given for Enlistment Questions**—DA's most recent policy statement on resolving questions on enlistment or reenlistment commitments provides the following guidelines for commanders and staff personnel:

- ▶ Each case warrants individual consideration.
- ▶ If reasonable doubt exists, the case should be resolved in favor of the individual, providing action is not detrimental to the Army's best interests.
- ▶ Each bonafide commitment is binding on the Army.
- ▶ Final action should be taken on the lowest possible level; when this is not possible, the action should be referred to higher headquarters.

□ **E8 Promotions Due This Month**—Promotion of individuals chosen by the first DA E8 selection board is scheduled to begin this month. The zone of consideration includes about 5,000 E7s who had local command recommended list status as of Sept. 30, 1968. DA Circular 624-62 (dated 18, Nov. 68) contains the names of those within the zone.

The first DA E8 selection board convened recently as part of the continuing Army objective of improving personnel management in the enlisted grades.

The E8 selection board is composed of a brigadier general, a colonel, two lieutenant colonels, and two sergeants major (one command and one staff.)

ODCSOPS

□ **COL Wells Recently Promoted**—COL Julian W. Wells, Chief, SIGSEC Division, ODCSOPS, was promoted to his present grade at a ceremony at headquarters in February.

COL Wells, a native of the Washington area, has seen duty as Chief of the Signal Security Division at Agency Headquarters Europe. He has also served as commanding officer of Unit 10 at Arlington Hall Station. COL Wells has held his present position since January 1967.

SJA

□ **COL Wilson, SJA, Retires**—COL John S. Wilson retires this month after serving as Agency Staff Judge Advocate since September 1966. He has accepted a position as Administrator of the Courts in St. Louis, Missouri.

The native New Yorker holds a bachelor of laws degree from Fordham Law School and a master of laws degree from George Washington Law School.

COL Wilson began his military career in World War II where he served in New Guinea and the Philippines. Some of his assignments have included U.S. legal advisor to the Justice Department of the Iranian Army and staff and faculty member of the Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Prior to coming to Arlington Hall, COL Wilson was the Department of the Army Labor Advisor on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

AG

□ **PP&P Commanders Conference Held**—The first annual USASA PP&P (Personnel Procurement and Processing) Detachment Commanders Conference was held in February at Headquarters.

In attendance were the commanders of the four ASA PP&P detachments: CPT Robert Staley, Ft. Dix; 2LT Edward DaDura, Ft. Jackson; 2LT Bruce Wilson, Ft. Leonard Wood; and 1LT Bruce Carpenter, Ft. Ord.

The conferees were briefed by the ODCSSEC on specifics of the command's security clearance policy. They were also brought up to date by the ODCSPER on assignments and schooling available to new ASA enlistees.

The conference gave the detachment commanders an opportunity to discuss their problems and exchange ideas on possible solutions. One of the major areas of consideration was a method of better insuring that the new enlistee is counselled and directed toward an area best suited to his qualifications and potential.

Through this first PP&P conference it is expected that a streamlined and uniform system of processing will be put into effect at the four Agency detachments.

ODCSFOR

□ **Reservists to Train With 311th**—The 309th USASA Battalion, (USAR), a reserve battalion located in Maywood, California, will perform its annual two-week active duty training at Fort Hood, Texas, this summer in cooperation with the 311th USASA Battalion.

This will be the first time a battalion-level reserve unit has conducted its two-week training with a sister active unit.

The California reservists will be given the opportunity to train alongside the men of the 311th and utilize available equipment. They will "learn by doing" as they work with their active duty counterparts.

The 301st USASA battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C., will host several Agency reserve units this summer with the same objectives in mind.

THE HALLMARK plans to spotlight the two-week summer training of the 309th USASA Battalion (USAR), in a future issue.

CHIEF OF STAFF

□ **Commanders-CSM Conference Theme Set**—The theme of this years Commanders-Command Sergeants Major Conference will be the Agency's daily operational mission—the sole reason for the command's existence. The conference will be held May 5-9, 1969, at Headquarters and will be attended by commanders of all major ASA installations and units and all Agency command sergeants major.

The conference theme will encompass such things as the accomplishment of planning, programming, training, developing and requisitioning, in order to support the operational mission. "Such activities," the theme statement says, "must assure the maximum achievement of the operational mission today and its greater and more responsive capability in the future."

USAG

□ **COL Hooper New Garrison Commander**—COL Thomas F. Hooper has recently assumed command of the United States Army Garrison, Arlington Hall Station. He succeeds the late COL Seth F. Hudgins who died in December 1968.

The infantry colonel comes to Arlington Hall Station from the Inspector General's Office in DA where he acted as a team chief.

COL Hooper's career included a tour in Pakistan where he was the U.S. Army attache to that country. He is fluent in Urdu, the native language of Pakistan.

COL Hooper has also served as Chief of the Reserve Forces Division in the Office of the Undersecretary of the Army.



EXTRA!

EXTRA!

Read all about it!

Agency Paper Wins DA Award

The Frankfurter Forum, unit newspaper of Headquarters, USASAE, has been named the top multilith-produced unit newspaper in the entire Department of the Army. The Forum



Frankfurter Forum

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SIXTEEN YEARS OLD USAREUR Marks Anniversary

FRANKFURTER FORUM, on behalf of Brigadier General Collins, extends its congratulations to General James H. Fols, Commander in Chief, US Army, Europe, on the occasion of the 16th anniversary of his command, on August 1st, 1952 when the nation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were forming military forces for the common defense of Europe. This command, extending across the face of Europe, is dedicated to the preservation of peace and freedom.

LOCAL LAMENT INVALIDATED BY LATEST FORUM FINDINGS

Specialist 4 Jack G. is a pretty decent guy. Jack doesn't like his job but he still works hard at it. Each night he returns to the billets where he showers, changes into a clean sport shirt and jeans and goes to bed. Nothing like the kind of Main Street townships of the day. But Jack is not quite as enthusiastic about it all as he was at first. He tried the Service Club for a few months. But he got tired of seeing the same faces he saw all day at work and at night in the billets. A good-hearted fellow, Jack then ventured into the more seamy sec-

(SEE "OFF LIMITS," p. 7)

A Thought On FORUM Policy

The FORUM Staff is intent upon stirring the local cauldrons of interest; our original expectation in choosing the name, FORUM, was to create a "market place" for ideas—ideas other than those solely of the editors. If any of our readership has an item of interest, conjecture, or sensitive commentary we ask you to submit it. Our intention is not to drive TIDE from the Atlantic market, however, we do hope to deal with timely issues.



PERSONA NON GRATA....The young American serviceman abroad occasionally finds that his liberty Press is somewhat less than that. German press concern over the re-appearance of "exclusive clubs" throughout the Federal Republic prompted FRANKFURTER FORUM to undertake an investigation of this social phenomenon—with surprising results (SEE STORY ABOVE). Photo by T.J. Smith

The Frankfurter Forum

was one of six unit newspapers, including The Hallmark, entered by USASA in the 1968 Army Newspaper Awards Contest.

The Forum was the Agency's entry in the multilith category. As such it will also be honored as the top USASA multilith unit newspaper. The top USASA papers in all categories were judged by the staff of the Command Information Division at Headquarters, and by the Chief of Staff's office. These winners were then submitted to the Office of the Chief of Information for judging on the DA level. The USASA winner in each category will receive an award certificate signed by MG Charles J. Denholm. The presentations will probably be made at the Commanders' Conference in May.

The USASA winners and their respective categories are:

Letterpress—Kagnew Gazelle (FS Asmara).

Offset—The Antenna (FS Vint Hill Farms).

Multilith—Frankfurter Forum (HQ USASAE).

Mimeograph—USASA Leader (HQ SOUTHCOM).

Special—Chitose Courier (FS Chitose).

MULTILITH

The Frankfurter Forum is the winner in this category, and any honors the paper earns are certainly well deserved. The Forum has only been in existence since July of last year, and is an excellent example of a well produced unit newspaper. The Forum really lives up to its name. It is a "market place for ideas." It has a fine letters to the editor column, excellent local features and editorials and an Arts and Letters section which contains original fiction by local USASA writers. The editor of the Forum is SP5 Arthur M. Dworken and the associate editor is SP4 Charles E. Downey.

The runner-up in the multilith category also comes from Germany. The Herzo Monitor is published at FS Herzogenaurach, and ran a close second in the judging.

Other papers in the multilith category are: The Battalion Blanket, 311th Bn; The Bavarian Observer, FS Bad Aibling; Flak Profile, 507th Gp; The Glass Ball, FS Shemya; Kimchi Pot, Gp Korea; and the Talon, FS Rothwesten.

The Kimchi Pot deserves some recognition as the unit newspaper with the most unusual name.

Kimchi is a Korean dish made with cabbage that has been allowed to ferment with spices and hot peppers until it is almost spoiled. It is stored in the Kimchi Pot until ready to be eaten.

OFFSET

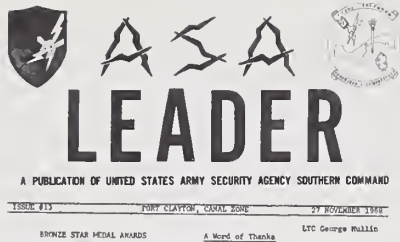
The Antenna, FS Vint Hill Farms, is the top paper in the offset category. The Antenna is perennially excellent, and fully deserves whatever honors it has gained. The editor is SP5 Jerry M. Ryburn. Other offset-printed unit newspapers are: Bangkok Bolt, 83d RR SOU; and the Bugle, FS Two Rock Ranch.



The Antenna

MIMEOGRAPH

The ASA Leader was judged the finest unit newspaper in the mimeograph category. It is published by Headquarters, Southern Command on a monthly basis. The Leader's editor is SP5 Everette L. Gilliam, and it has a circulation of 300. Other mimeograph papers are: Samurai Shinbun, FS Hakata; and the Tiger Rag, 138th RR Av Co.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
USASA SOUTHERN COMMAND

Upon my departure from this command, I express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the support and cooperation that I have received from each of you in making my assignment as Executive Officer one of the most professionally rewarding and enjoyable of my career. The noteworthy accomplishments made by the command during the eighteen months that I have been a part of it, and should be a source of personal pride to each of you.

One seldom encounters an aggregation of personnel who almost universally display the high degree of technical competency and cooperative attitude that is evidenced in this command. I have derived a great deal of personal satisfaction in having served with you. I regret that I am unable to thank each of you personally. Please accept this letter as my personal gratitude for a job well done.

Robert J. Mullins

The ASA Leader



The Kagnew Gazelle

LETTERPRESS

The Kagnew Gazelle from FS Asmara is the winner in the letterpress category. The paper's editor, SP5 Kenneth N. Gadbois is especially known for his column "Gabby Goesit," and for his timely and interesting editorials. The Ramasun Relay, 7th RRFs, and the Weekly Diogenes, TUSLOG Det 4, are the other papers in this category.

SPECIAL

The Chitose Courier was entered in the special category in the DA contest because of its exceptionally fine use of photographs. The Courier has the finest photo coverage of events, and the highest quality reproduction of all the papers judged.

The Courier features a full-color photograph on the cover each month. This feature would normally cost too much for an individual unit to afford, but the Courier is printed by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Hokkaido, Japan. The monks set all the type by hand, but they charge less than any automated printer would for similar work.

The papers that have been mentioned as the best in their categories will receive a tangible reward in the form of a certificate of excellence. The others will not get a certificate, but they do have the satisfaction that they are helping to perform the missions of their units. A unit newspaper is



The Chitose Courier

more than a conglomeration of ink and paper. It is, or can be, the heartbeat of the unit. It informs, entertains and educates. This is an important function and a necessary one. The staff members of all the unit newspapers deserve a vote of thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

Comm Unit Japan Adopts 56 Orphans

Amidst the hustle and bustle of Tokyo, the world's largest city, is a quiet, detached home for 56 cute little Japanese girls. The home is called the Aisei Gakuen (Loving Growth) Orphanage. All of these girls are mentally retarded, and yet they possess an amazing charisma. In short, they have captured the hearts of the men from USASA Communications Unit, Japan (CUJ).

The men from CUJ have offered a helping hand to these girls. They have seen to it that the girls have pretty dresses, toys and warm blankets. They have financed a new kitchen to replace outdated facilities. A modern incinerator has replaced the old 55-gallon drums. Two of their special gifts have been new gym suits and a large rice cooker. Big or small, their investments have helped the girls live more pleasant lives.

As an example of a recent project, CUJ has worked with the orphanage in establishing contact with the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation. Valuable literature in the field of mental retardation has been received from the foundation, and the unit has even received a note of praise from Sen. Edward Kennedy. Such efforts have

helped to further the international effort to combat mental retardation.

One of CUJ's most fruitful efforts has been to sponsor one of the orphanage's leading instructors, Mr. Peter Iwada, on a trip to the United States. He will spend one year studying at the Elwyn Institute, where the most modern facilities and intellectual climate should offer him invaluable experience in working with the mentally retarded. His experience should benefit the Aisei Gakuen Orphanage as well as yielding international good will.

The most rewarding part of CUJ's program is the opportunity the men have of getting together with the mentally retarded girls. The girls prepare for weeks in advance every year to put on an elaborate Girl's Day program for the men. And every year the men, in turn prepare Easter baskets to be presented to the girls following Easter church services. Every now and then, the men take it upon themselves to have a big hot dog shindig with the children. And every Fourth of July, the girls are brought to the Grant Heights housing area to watch the annual fireworks display. The men do their part to help the

girls, but they have found that the girls also do more than their part to help the USASA men. Their reward might be in the form of sparkling eyes looking at a fireworks display, or it might be a happy giggle over a hot dog. Sometimes it is the way a little girl prances in a brand new dress. Indeed, the men from USASA Comm Unit, Japan, do not want a pat on the back for their efforts. They receive ample thanks from the orphaned girls of the Aisei Gakuen Orphanage. ■

FS Herzo Begins Course for NCOs In Leadership

An NCO Leadership Training Course was conducted by USASA FS Herzogenaurach during the first week in December. Twenty-four men participated in the course, which included 24 hours of instruction on such varied topics as duty-honor-country, methods of instruction, leadership, military courtesy and customs, military justice, map reading, weapons training, drill and ceremonies, and administrative procedures. Sixteen senior enlisted Herzo personnel, including CSM Allen McLean, acted as instructors.

At graduation ceremonies on December 7, it was announced the SGT Robert L. Downing compiled the highest score on the examination and finished first in the class. Downing works in the S2 office. SGT Robert Anderson finished second and SP6 Lawrence Gaber was third. The course was the brainchild of CSM McLean, and was coordinated through the office of the S3.

CSM McLean explained that the purpose of the course was to "strengthen the foundation of our junior leaders. The soldiers of today's Army are well educated and trained in their technical field, but are lacking in every day soldiering." ■

406th Det Honored With Presidential Award

What was formerly the 406th Radio Research Detachment and is now part of the 265th RR Company, has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The Citation was presented to the unit in October as one of the attached units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, for heroism in action against a hostile force.

The action for which the Brigade was honored took place during "Operation Hawthorne" near the city of Dak To, Republic of Vietnam, between 2 June and 20 June in 1966. The support provided by the 406th helped the Brigade inflict 1200 casualties upon the 24th North Vietnamese

Army Regiment in one of the most viciously contested battles of the war. The battle rendered the NVA regiment ineffective as a fighting unit.

The 406th RR Detachment was recently disbanded as a unit, and the personnel have been absorbed by the 265th RR Company which supports the entire 101st Airborne Division.

The men who served with the 406th will not soon forget the action of June 1966, nor the honor it brought them. They are another example of the soldier-technicians of Radio Research units who not only serve in a support role, but also as the best of America's fighting men. ■



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion of Merit

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Charles R. Bradley, Jr., Robert I. McElroy, Thomas D. Seary, Edward A. Tappa.

MAJOR: Hancel A. Beckworth Jr., Gerald F. Croll, Leslie J. Kramer, Robert E. McConaghay, Franklin S. Parker Jr.

CAPTAIN: Chaplin Albert Merz.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Fred Newell Jr.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Herbert H. Matthews.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: David D. Holder, James C. Reese Jr.

MASTER SERGEANT: Edwood W. Amacher, Audre R. Primeau.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Elmer C. King Jr.

STAFF SERGEANT: Stanley J. Stryjewski.

Bronze Star Medal

MAJOR: John C. Stephens.

CAPTAIN: Jeffery O. Brown.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Gaylord R. Earney.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: John H. McCaw.

MASTER SERGEANT: Jack R. Trinette.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Jones B. Horne, Fred W. Miller.

STAFF SERGEANT: Wilber H. Landgraf, Nelson Moore, Thomas J. Robinson.

SPECIALIST 5: Ted T. Buchanan.

Joint Service Commendation Medal

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: William J. Brown.

Air Medal

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Charles L. Roe.

STAFF SERGEANT: Marvin L. Nymicke (3).

SPECIALIST 5: Larry E. Dixon, Harold E. Downs, Robert G. Grant (4) Ronald V. Somby.

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Lester W. Abrams, Kenneth F. Coykendall.

MAJOR: Richard A. Erickson (1), Eugene H. Schreifels (1).

CAPTAIN: Lloyd H. Burdige, Robert E. Caddell, Arthur L. Carter, Jonathan L. Goldstein, Lance C. Nielsen, Walter W. Swanson Jr.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: David R. Jackson, John A. Jimerson, Raymond H. Marks, Lloyd G. Piper.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Dennis E. Newton (1).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Thomas E. Abrials (1), Donald J.

David, Robert J. Flanagan (2), Thomas W. Massey (1).

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Donald P. Baker (3), Donald G. Fields (1).

MASTER SERGEANT: William G. Hackett, Clifford H. Putnam, Jack Tucker (1).

FIRST SERGEANT: James R. Fehrenbach, Donald L. Hotchkiss (1), Stanley R. Owen, John P. Ozello, Wilbur W. Rodkey Jr. (1), James L. Vanderpool.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Arthur J. Boyd (1), Richard F. Bragg (1), Rudolph Cota, Harold W. Harlan, Gerald R. Hill, Floyd F. Huston, Donald P. Kapla (2), Truett L. Lucas, Johnny C. McMillan, Cecil H. Miller, Pete L. Muller, Donald E. Orris (2), Howard W. Palmer, Donald E. Presley, Roy C. South (1), Clifford A. Taylor, Thomas D. Wilkinson (1).

STAFF SERGEANT: Rossland Andersen, David F. Crass, Joseph C. Davis, Gale L. Delano, James A. Duke, Robert R. Hannah, Ronald F. Hickey, Joseph C. Hill, Lawrence M. Klein, Timothy S. Near, Robert V. Nolen, Frank Mitchell Jr., Douglas P. Siddell, Robert W. Stone, Wesley M. Sumrill, Virgil D. Warrick.

SPECIALIST 6: Stanley R. Huher, Kenneth D. Loida, Stephen F. Lunkins, David N. McDonald, Ronald J. Novak, Patricia J. Steward (1).

SERGEANT: Franklin C. Beal (1), Randolph L. Davis, Charles W. Dietz, Ronald L. Durette, Kelley Kendig.

SPECIALIST 5: Michael E. Ain, Jan E. Baughman, Samuel D. Bays, Jack T. Bradford, Bennie A. Brown, Russel W. Cissell, Richard A. DeJausserand, Lloyd D. Hatch, Thomas J. Higgins, Noel L. Hinrichs, James G. Overholser, Thomas R. Robb, Delbert E. Ward, Darrell R. Woody.

SPECIALIST 4: Arthur L. Bernard Jr., Bart J. Bolego Jr., John M. Bowers, Larry W. Clementz, Larry D. Dawson, Larry R. McDowell, Walter J. Nicoletti, David L. Parks, Patrick F. Stone, Robert T. VanKeuren.

CORPORAL: Arthur L. Downs.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS: Michael E. Ellis.

Retirement

MASTER SERGEANT: Robert E. Blair, Robert D. Hathaway, Richard G. Mellick, John G. White.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Robert C. Kobett, Herbert V. Lloyd.

STAFF SERGEANT: Joe Hill.

SPECIALIST 5: Byron Hoch, James Williams.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Mrs. May Auel, Bernard E. Reynolds and Miss Catherine Richards.

Quality Pay Increase

Francis Beagle, Mrs. Mary I. Berry, Dempsey Bullock, James Cahill, Lewis Cossaboon Jr., Clyde E. Craig Jr., Mrs. Verla Dolan, Mrs. Irene Facemire, Jimmie B. Garrett, Mrs. Antoinette Goodman, Mrs. Paula Grizzle, Miss Loretta Jarrell, Mrs. Dolores Hawks, William P. Lee, Ray D. Loyd, Robert Lynn, Henry C. McLendon, Mrs. Eula B. Morris, Mrs. Emma L. Muir, Charles O. Orsborn, Laurence Radke, Mrs. Ardemis Vartanian, George H. Schmidt, Frank Strama and Mrs. Bettye Williams.

Outstanding Performance Award

Loyd Blomeley, Richard D. Doerr, Warner Glaubitz, Mrs. Paula Grizzle, Jackie J. Keith, William P. Lee, Miss Juanita Lentz, Robert Lynn, Mrs. Stella J. Matthews, Mrs. Anita McElroy, Mrs. Eula B. Morris, Douglas F. Perthel, Mrs. Ruth Shoemaker, Harry M. Siegel, Richard P. Swisher, Mrs. Hattie Belle Thomason and Arthur Whitehead.

Certificate of Achievement

William Barrett, Roscoe E. Boleyn, John Edwards Jr., Philip Lavigne, Mrs. Beverly Miggenburg and Miss Claudia C. Wilson.

Length of Service Awards

30-Year: Bruce W. Corley, William F. Dennen and David A. Dunlap.

20-Year: Charlie Brown, Mrs. Grace L. Catanzarita, Jay B. Foote, James E. Goff, Lee Roy Hay, Paul Hayes, Mrs. Bernice I. Hendley, Mrs. Elaine D. Jackson, Willard I. Johnson, Clyde Law, Sheridan Moore, Louis Ruiz, Albert Sachs, Robert E. Semelsberger, Martin G. Stahl, Harold M. Tuttle, Mrs. Ardemis Vartanian and Henry J. Yates.

10-Year: Bascom S. Clayborn, Thomas R. Kilby, Mrs. Genettie G. Kinsey, George C. Lester, William J. Lonergan Jr., Miss Anna Louis, Stanley Mossi, James O. Page, Mrs. Donna L. Parrott, John N. Parrott, Clovis D. Ritter and Ralph Thomas.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment



The Kagnew Station Women's exercise group, led by SP4 Joel Kocce. (Photo by SP4 Francis S. Songetay.)

BADMINTON

Ethiopia—A Co at Kagnew took first place in badminton competition as their two aces SP4 Richard Harris and PFC Mike Griffith finished first and second respectively in the singles competition and teamed up to take the doubles title. Harris is post tennis champion while Griffith is the table tennis king.

MUSIC

Ethiopia—In January the 35-member Kagnew Chorale gave a command performance in the palace for the Ethiopian Emperor, His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie. The Chorale is under the direction of SP4 Michael L. Alexander ("Mr. Music") who is also the director of the Protestant Choir. In October the Chorale gave its first concert, of show tunes, titled "On Broadway." At Christmas the group produced a 90-minute concert ending with the very beautiful and difficult Hallelujah Chorus.

TABLE TENNIS

Germany—SP5 John G. Harrington, Co A FS Rothwesten, won the USAREUR Table Tennis Finals in December.

COMMANDER'S TROPHY

Japan—Company B at Chitose won the Commander's Trophy, awarded annually to the company whose members have participated most in the Station's athletic program. LT Richard J. Brown is CO; 1SG is George Vacek.

SCUBA DIVING

Hawaii—SP7 George J. Mitchell Jr. has been elected vice-president of the Schofield Barracks NAIA Diving Club for 1969. This was in recognition of Bell's long-time diving experience. Other ASAPAC divers include LTC Leo W. Nielsen, 1LT Melvin C. Hinton and Mr. Bruce C. George.

SQUARE DANCING

Ethiopia—At Kagnew, the Plateau Promenaders, "world's highest square dancing club", started weekly classes in elementary dancing steps in February.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Ethiopia—SP4 Richard Wilkie, A Co, topped seven other nominees to be named Kagnew 1968 Sportsman of the Year. The 6' 3" athlete was a leading member of the 1968 Mediterranean Sports Conference Championship basketball and football teams.

BOWLING

Alaska—With a 38-14 season record, the FS Shemya All-Stars took second place in the Shemya Intramural League. SFC Arnold turned in the high series for the All-Stars—573. Others on the team were LTC B. E. Slesinger, CW2 Mack Criddell, SSG William P. Hunter and SP5 Charles G. Jowder.

Ethiopia—In the January NO-TAP Tournament at Kagnew, Ron Spilman racked up a perfect 300 game. First place, however, went to SP4 Duane Lewis.

Germany—In Bad Aibling's first annual NCO-Officer Bowling Tournament the NCOs won, 5,151 pins to 4,794. The top bowler was CPT Curtis W. Barbee with a 564. High game—222—was by SFC Tyler Langrall. In an earlier tourney, two teams tied with identical pinfalls of 2,648!

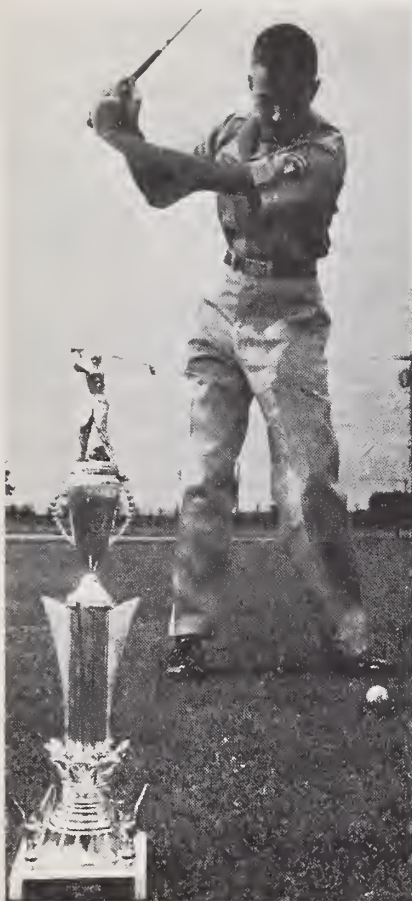
The Doubles winners in the USASAE Chief's Bowling Tournament were SP5s Richard Mills and Dale Brown, 507th Gp, with a 2205 pinfall.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Japan—First place winners in the Chitose Service Club photography contest were: SP4 Bruce Baldwin, People; SP4 Steve Marcus, Animals & Pets; SP5 Colin Adams, Scenic; SP4 Dean Arnold, Action & Still; SP4 Charles Ussery and SP4 Stuffey Laufer and SP5 Sam Bays, color slides.



SP4 James K. Nolt, Provisional Command (right) and SP5 Paul W. Dugent, 507th Gp, Germany with their October kills (Red Deer Stags).



Chitose golf champ SP6 Dennis Osha displays his trophy-winning form. (Photo by SP5 Samuel D. Bays)

MOTORCYCLING

Japan—In the Chitose International Motorcycle & Karting Club (CIMKC) Championships, Agency men captured two honors. SP4 Roy Barrett captured first place in the 250cc class while Raymond L'Hommedieu took third in the 90cc B class.

SP4 Bill Croker (left) lines up on the starting line in a challenge race against two Japanese drivers in the First Japanese-American Goodwill Four Wheel Drag Race. Kuma Station men swept the top three places in the American Car Class: SP4 Bill Croker, 1LT David Mills and SSG George Roe, respectively. (Photo by SP4 Robert W. Norris Jr.)



GOLF

Japan—In the 1968 U.S. Army Japan Golf Tournament, SP6 Dennis Osha won the first flight competition and placed second overall in the tourney. SP5 Denny Naughton took third place in the first flight. In an international goodwill tourney, SP5 Joseph G. Biello won with a 92 (net 76) in the 18-hole competition.

Hawaii—1LT Raymond H. Marks, aide-de-camp to PAC Chief BG George A. Godding, took first place in the 2d annual Association of the US Army golf tourney on December 5, with a low net score of 69.

ZOT AWARDS

. . . . to SP4 William R. Krueger, Bad Aibling, the only company clerk in the Agency to have ever sent his mother a DF (incidentally, Krueger is an expert yodeler). . . . working on a unit newspaper is not as easy as it sounds: the entire staff of the Flak Profile at the 507th Gp were accidentally locked up in a conference room; even worse, Profile Managing Editor SP4 Patrick J. Freel had to work on the paper *while he was on his honeymoon!* Such loyalty! during Gas Chamber Exercise, SP4 John Risser learned the hard way that one inhales deeply *before*; not *after* removing the mask!

Ethiopia—Recently, when SP4 Bob Rutchow's wife arrived at Kagnev, her suitcase accidentally was sent to Addis. She refused an offer of a pair of fatigues. To make matters worse, the Rutchows had a house, but no furniture, not even a bed.

Germany—What's green, 7 feet tall, 4½ feet wide and weighs 290 lbs? According to SP5 Tom Vogel, supply supervisor at Dachsbau, the label on two large packing crates read, "Sleds, evacuation, medical; green, two each." The misrouted \$245 sleds are now on their way to Greenland. . .



We got Bonnie . . . but we are still looking for Clyde! Seriously, these are the Augsburg Jaegers (hunters) from our 507th Gp. From left: (front) SP5 James K. Nolt, LTC John J. Masters (Gp Commander), SP6 Charles Brighthouse, SP5 Michael M. Day; (second row) SP5 Bradley R. Newhouse, CPT Jerry C. Campbell, MAJ James M. Young, SP5 Charles E. Kretchmer, SP5 Paul W. Dugent and SP4 James P. Stevenson. In November, SP6 Charles Brighthouse bagged a Gams Buck using a .270 cal. Heyn-scoped rifle, at 300 meters.

FOOTBALL

Ethiopia—In Kagnev's first Super Bowl on January 1 the EMs scored a touchdown in the last 41 seconds to shade the Officers (including "honorary second lieutenants") 12-6. Touchdowns were scored by Jeff Turner and MAJ Joaquim Martins. More than 300 attended the game.

Japan—Chitose's trick 1 flag football team ended its season with a perfect 5-0 record, under the outstanding quarterbacking of SP4 John Kelly.

At Chitose, Straight Days' halfback SP4 Billie Dillard continues to drive even though he has been deflagged by Trick One's defensive end, SP4 Larry Gorski. (Photo by SP4 Sherm Edmonds)



Two Honored for Heroism

What makes a man a hero? . . . an ordinary person performing in an extraordinary manner. SP4s John D. Dorman, 311th Bn, and James D. Vaughn, TUSLOG Det 4, don't consider themselves heroes. However, in the eyes of the two people whose lives they saved, they are the biggest heroes in the world!

The incidents which made these two specialists "heroes," occurred on opposite sides of the world. One year ago this month, at 1 p.m. on March 17, Vaughn and some soldier friends were fishing along the Swat River in Turkey when they heard cries for help. SP5 Dale C. Jones, attempting to swim across the river, had developed leg cramps and was being carried downstream by the swift current.

Vaughn entered the water without hesitation, realizing that he would be caught in the same undercurrent that was taking Jones downriver.

Hampered by the current and extremely cold water, the nearly-exhausted Vaughn reached the now unconscious victim. Vaughn completed the rescue with an exceptional display of courage and physical strength. For his courage, quick reaction and total disregard for his own safety, SP5 James D. Vaughn received the Army Commendation Medal for Heroism and the Soldier's Medal.

On the other side of the world, SP4 John D. Dorman witnessed a traffic accident on Highway 64, near Tyler, Texas, on June 15, 1968. Unlike the typical rubbernecking motorist, Dorman stopped to render assistance. After extinguishing a fire in the engine compartment of one of the vehicles involved, he proceeded to give first aid to the five critically-injured victims. Later, after medical personnel arrived, Dorman assisted in removing the injured from the scene and then

in removing the wreckage from the highway. Dorman's efforts prolonged the lives of four of the injured, and through his assistance one life was saved.

This was not just a once in a lifetime occurrence for Dorman. Less than a week later, Dorman came upon another accident and administered first aid to five more people.

Dorman credits his skill in first aid entirely to training he received in the Army. "I am really glad that I stayed awake in first aid class because I did not know anything about first aid until I joined the Army. Dorman is always prepared—he carries a specially-designed first aid kit with him wherever he goes. Good samaritan SP4 John D. Dorman received the Army Commendation Medal for Heroism.

Two men . . . doing more than "duty requires" . . . two lives saved.

Europe Donates \$17,500 To USASABA

USASA's Benefit Association took a giant step forward in January when USASA Europe contributed a record-shattering \$17,500—which included donations from every single unit within the command.

This figure is the largest single contribution to the Benefit Association in its one and one-half year history.

The contribution from the Europe command (or as they call themselves, the USASA Europe Chapter of the Benefit Association) swells the Association's assets to more than \$80,000.

BG Fred W. Collins, chief of USASA Europe, made the check presentation to MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general, in a ceremony at Headquarters. Also in attendance were CSM Clifford L. Charon and CSM Hurley S. Tucker, command sergeant major of Europe.

BG Collins characterized the six-month, \$17,500 effort as "the best response for a program of this type

I have even taken part in."

"Every soldier has taken a keen interest and worked hard to make it a success," he said. "They have a good insight into the fact that the Benefit Association is for them."

BG Collins and CSM Tucker emphasized that the wives and families of the men of Europe command deserve a large share of the plaudits too, for their part in the fund raising.

In 1969 the Benefit Association is off and running smoothly as more and more beneficiaries of the Association are entering college and taking advantage of the \$1,000-per-year, four-year scholarships.

It looks as though the Benefit Association is going to have another successful year; in fact, with the kind of kickoff given by the Europe Chapter, success seems inevitable.

BG Fred W. Collins, chief of USASAE, presents MG Denholm with a check for \$17,500 representing Europe's latest contribution to the Benefit Association.



-Family Aid-

Under the sponsorship of the Army Community Service (ACS), a new program has been initiated which is aimed at enlisted personnel on orders for duty in the Washington D.C. area.

ACS seeks to contact servicemen and their families before they arrive in the Washington area to offer aid with any problems which their move and newcomer status may create. If a sponsor has a handicapped dependent who will need special schooling or Medicare financing, if he needs to borrow small household items from the ACS Lending Closet or if other personal and financial needs loom as potential crises, ACS has trained social workers and volunteers who can help to minimize the problems.

For further information, or referral, incoming sponsors or dependents should write: Welcome to Washington, Army Community Service Center, MDW, Ft. Myer, Va. 22211. ■

-Auto Safety-

American automobile manufacturers are out-doing themselves year after year. Their products seem to be better engineered and more beautiful in appearance than ever, and they are being purchased in record numbers.

Increased interest on the part of the public, and Congressional involvement have resulted in more stringent safety requirements being placed on the manufacturers. Hundreds of autos are being recalled each year to repair equipment deemed unsafe.

But no matter what shape the nation's autos are in, it is still the drivers who cause the majority of accidents. A car with faulty brakes, inadequate windshield wipers or headlights can be taken to a garage for repairs. But how about excessive speeding—doing 75 miles an hour in a 55 mile an hour zone?

A check with the legal office of the National Safety Council in Washington in January produced some astounding figures.

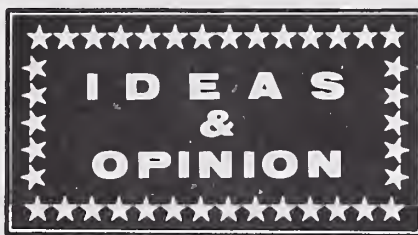
In the first nine months of last year more than 40,000 Americans died on our highways. The projected final fig-

ure for deaths on the highways in 1968 is in excess of 54,900.

Accidents on the highway in 1968 also injured 1,900,000 Americans, many so seriously that they will be maimed for life.

The National Safety Council, U.S. Armed Forces, Congress and automobile manufacturers can expend all the energy possible to help you drive safely, but the final decision is yours. It's for your sake and your family's sake—not theirs.

Remember, when the last squeal of burning rubber has faded away—who will be an added statistic? You or them? For your sake and your family's sake, please drive safely this year. (AFPS)



-OCS-

The enlisted active duty obligation for Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) training has been changed for draftees on active duty and civilians enlisting on the college option plan, beginning this month.

Draftees must now accept a discharge and then enlist in the Regular Army for a period of three years upon selection for OCS training, according to changes announced in DA Message 889925.

College option OCS applicants must enlist in the Regular Army for three years upon selection for OCS. Previously, a two-year enlistment was required.

These changes will not change the total time spent in service for those who are commissioned for OCS. Graduates will continue to serve two years on active duty as commissioned officers. Most OCS graduates presently spend about two years and 11 months on active duty, including training and administrative time. (ANF)

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron
Command
Sergeant Major

The views and suggestions of the individual soldier are welcomed, and even solicited, as contributions to the overall betterment of the Agency. Who is in a better position to contribute to the solution of problems than the soldier who encounters them in his daily work?

There are many examples of cases in which suggestions from men in the field have proved extremely worthwhile and have been implemented on an Agency-wide or Army-wide basis.

The policy that promotions to cumulative vacancies within a command (grades E6 and below) be made in that command even though the position was filled by a senior NCO was made by a Specialist Five at FS Two Rock Ranch. The soldiers of the 400th SOD suggested that an enlisted man be promoted to the next higher grade if a doctor diagnosed a terminal illness and if he was on a certified promotion list. This idea is now pending approval at DA.

The idea that the crypto specialist position, MOS 72B40, be upgraded on each TD to E5 came from the men at FS Asmara, and other units suggested that the position of company clerk be upgraded to E5 and that school honor graduates receive extensions of grade promotions.

Any recommendations you may have, on the mission we perform, the equipment we use, uniforms we wear, the facilities at your post, or on processing for oversea movement are welcome. Many of you observe procedures and equipment with a fresh viewpoint because of your recent entry into the service. This fresh viewpoint often produces good ideas that are overlooked by us old-timers.

If you recognize a problem area which you think can be improved, talk over your ideas with your command sergeant major, or send them to me on a postcard or in a letter. The only way we can improve the system we work under, is to constantly check that system and work to change the areas that need revision. You can provide the clues to those problem areas.



FLARE

The greatest honor history can bestow is the title of peacemaker. This honor now beckons America—the chance to help lead the world at last out of the valley of turmoil, and on to that high ground of peace that man has dreamed of since the dawn of civilization.

Richard M. Nixon
Jan. 20, 1969